

WESTERN ACTION AT SPRINGVILLE ON APRIL 24-25

SPRINGVILLE — A weekend of western-style action is shaping up for April 24-25 in the foothill community of Springville, highlighted by the professional, world championship Springville-Sierra rodeo both afternoons in the Springville rodeo arena on highway 190.

A spectacular grand entry with an American Bicentennial theme will open the afternoon shows; Cotton Rosser, of Marysville, will bring in his famous Golden State Rodeo Company string of broncs, bulls, and calves to "do battle" with some of America's top professional cowboys; Johnny Jackson, of Woodlake, will be the man on the mike; and as a pre-rodeo arena attraction, the California Bounty Hunters, from Thousand Oaks, will re-stage "Gunfights Of The Old West."

A western parade will move

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"Local" Cowboys Can Compete At Springville

SPRINGVILLE — "Local" cowboys who want to try their luck against world champion, professional performers in the Springville-Sierra rodeo April 24 and 25 at Springville, can put their money on the line, sign their entry forms, and take their shot at gold and glory.

A "local" cowboy is anyone not a member of the Professional Rodeo Cowboys' association. To compete at Springville, a contestant must be at least 18 years of age, must

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MOMENTO



A SPECIALLY designed Presidential stein as a momento of America's Bicentennial is on display at the Porterville chamber of commerce and is available on order for \$10.00, with each stein to be numbered and only enough made to fill individual orders taken within the next two weeks. Any profit from sale of the steins will go to the Porterville Bicentennial commission. The two sides of the stein are shown above, commemorating America's Bicentennial and Porterville Centennial. (Recorder photo)

Success Wildlife Area Is Natural Wonderland

By Art Thrall

SUCCESS — Two forked-tail Kites swoop at each other in fighter-like tactics against the blue sky while closer to the ground, a wide variety of small birds seek cover in thickets of brush.

Multi-colored ring neck pheasants, partridge and quail take flight and flee on whirling wings disturbing flocks of red-wing black birds that whip up in black clouds from fields of yellow mustard blossom and then as quickly disappear back into the yellow blanket.

Cottontail rabbits hop along mazes of rabbit trails pausing to nibble on tender shoots of grass, while ground squirrels stand at attention whistling their shrill warning to any and all interested wildlife.

In a nearby open expanse of green grass, a gray and black badger roots in the drying earth, digging a new burrow.

Overhead the warm sun blazes brightly and the quiet hum of bees and other flying insects bring a soft background of sound to the scene interspersed with warbling cries of birds and the staccato quack of ducks on a nearby pond.

Sounds idyllic doesn't it? And it is! But the beauty part of it is that this scene is right outside

Porterville's back door. And it's free for the enjoying.

The scene referred to is all contained in the 1,900 acre wildlife area under the control of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at Success Lake. It is located off Frazier Valley road at the northwest shore of the Lake.

It is property that was included in the Lake Success area, when property for the lake was first acquired, and set aside as a wildlife area. Through the years, gradual development by the county, the Corps of Engineers, sportsmen's groups, and other volunteer units has contributed to its designated use as a wildlife area.

This early development by these organizations included the planting of hedgerows for cover, planting of food plants for birds and other wildlife, installation of watering sites, and grading of access roads. Game and exotic birds were also planted in the area to augment the natural bird population.

But the major finishing touches have been added in the past year by a group of workmen hired under the federally funded Title X (ten) program which was brought into being to alleviate unemployment

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SUCCESS WILDLIFE area, located northwest of Success Lake off Frazier Valley highway, has come into its own as a nature study and recreational use facility. At top is a view of the sprawling 1,400 acre site from a centrally located hill over looking a newly added picnic shelter or "gathering place" for using organizations. Center, the newly completed gathering place complete with barbecue pit and at bottom, the duck pond on the wildlife area which abounds with water fowl of many types. (Farm Tribune photos)

AGRICULTURE IS NUMBER ONE AS REVENUE-PRODUCING INDUSTRY IN TULARE COUNTY DURING 1975

VISALIA — In a relatively short span of years, man has accomplished a minor miracle by developing the San Joaquin valley and more specifically, Tulare county, into one of the richest agricultural producing areas of the world.

This is borne out in the annual report on Tulare county agriculture issued this week by Clyde R. Churchill, Tulare county agricultural commissioner.

From a small beginning experiment with cattle and hogs in 1850, to the first commercial planting of grain, in 1870 and ensuing development of other crops through the years, agriculture has grown to be the county's number one business, bringing in a record high gross income of \$714,750,000 in 1975, according to the report.

The report contains a brief history of the development of agriculture in Tulare county and then continues with facts and figures relative to the wide variety of crops and livestock grown here and what they meant in dollars and cents to county residents during 1975.

From first herds of cattle and hogs grown for meat and meat product production in 1850, the industry in the county has grown to include sheep, poultry, rabbits, and pigeons and brought in a total gross income of \$51,734,000 to growers in 1975.

Churchill noted this figure

was down 14 per cent from the \$60,303,000 income from the same products in 1974. Churchill said prices received by farmers for cattle, calves, and turkeys showed a considerable decrease in 1975, however a large increase was received for hogs and pigs.

From first commercial plantings of grain in the Lindsay area in the 1870's, the industry has grown to produce a total gross revenue of \$177,586,000 in 1975, off slightly more than 2 per cent from 1974.

The report noted major 1975 crop changes were decreases in acreage of barley, dry beans, cotton, and alfalfa hay. However, large increases in acreage and revenue from sorghum grain, sugar beets, and wheat were reported.

Dairy and related products brought in a total gross revenue of \$107,410,000 in 1975, up more than 10 percent from 1974 income on similar products.

Market milk showed an increase in revenue of more than 4.75 per cent during 1975 compared to 1974, while chicken and turkey eggs both showed a decrease in production and revenue.

Vegetable crops were a little off in 1975 achieving a gross total income of \$18,541,000, about 9 per cent below the 1974 income. Vegetable crops which gained in revenue during 1975

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THREE PORTERVILLE INSURANCE FIRMS INVOLVED IN NEW CORPORATE AGENCY

PORTERVILLE — Three Porterville insurance firms will be involved in a merger, May 1, to create a new, corporate insurance agency.

Allied Insurance agency and the McLemore Insurance agency will merge into the new corporate agency and at the same time purchase the Giddings Insurance agency to create "the largest and most complete insurance service in the area," the McLemore Griswold Insurance Services.

Chet Griswold has been named president of the new agency and Cliff McLemore, vice president and secretary-treasurer. They make up the board of directors, along with S.H. McLemore and Bob Griswold.

All personnel of the three agencies will be associated with the new organization. Included, in addition to directors of the new agency, will be Kitty McLemore and the staff of the present McLemore office; Brenda Carr and Gig Velie of the present Allied staff (Velie, is former owner of this agency) and Dick Giddings, of the present Giddings agency.

The office building now occupied by McLemore agency at 89 East Mill has been purchased and is now being remodeled for a staff of 11 persons who will be in the new McLemore Griswold Insurance Services office.

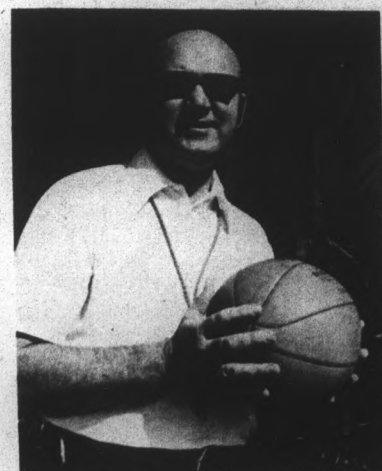
All of the principles involved in the merger are long-time residents of Porterville.

Chet Griswold was born at Milo, attended the Mt. Dennison

Grammar school, then Porterville high school, Porterville college, and Merritt Business college in Oakland. After three years in the Army

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NEW "OLD" COACH



JIM MAPLES this week moved back into the varsity basketball coaching spot at Porterville college, a position he held from 1959 to 1969 and from 1972 to 1974, recording a 178-146 win-loss record. He replaces Wilbur Smith, a teacher in Lindsay. Maples, currently coordinator of work experience and job development at the college, is a graduate of Porterville high school, Porterville college and Fresno State university and has done graduate work at UCLA. In his high school and collegiate days he played basketball, baseball and football.



A CROWD of 1,400 persons attended fifth annual Community Schools Fiesta Friday night in the Monache Campus center that featured entertainment from all Porterville Elementary schools, a

potluck dinner, and exhibits. Photos show, from left top: Some of the crowd; Dan Hogan, master of ceremonies; Mexican art display from Fresno State university. Lower, from left:

Jewelry and Indian crafts display from the Tule Indian reservation; and serving beef, prepared by Mr. and Mrs. Concho Ramirez, from left: Carl Faller, Porterville high principal; Jim Ostrom, district purchasing

agent; and Jim Edwards, assistant PHS principal. Cinco de Mayo queen candidates were hostesses; Antoinette Hogan and Peter Grand did the choreography for dance groups.

NEW VFW POST INSTITUTION SET APRIL 10

Institution of Porterville's new Post 3802, Veterans of Foreign Wars, has been set for April 10 in the Porterville Armory, with post officers to be installed during the evening.

Dinner will be served at 7 p.m., following a "happy hour" starting at 6 p.m.; dancing until midnight will complete the evening.

VOCATIONAL NURSE PROGRAM TESTS

PORTERVILLE — Next entrance examination for Porterville College's Vocational Nursing program will be given Saturday, April 17 at 8 a.m. in the Forum, Mrs. Peggy Gould, PC health occupations chairman, has announced. Students interested in taking the test should contact the Guidance Center and make a reservation. Cost for the test is \$6.50. Subsequent tests are also scheduled May 15, June 19 and July 17.



NEW STUDENT Officers - Marde Gideon of Bakersfield and Diana Gill of Porterville - explore possible activities for Porterville College's student body in their new capacities as student body president and vice president. Gideon was recently elected chairman of the PC Governance board, or student body president, and Miss Gill was chosen vice chairman or vice president.

'Local' Cowboys.

(Continued From Page 1) show proof of residence in the Porterville High School district; must have personal medical insurance, must pay a stock fee of \$5.00 per event entered and a telephone fee of \$3.50, plus the regular entry fee paid by professional cowboys in the events entered.

Girls, under the same qualifications and rules, can enter Girls' Barrel racing and compete with the professionals.

Deadline for sign-up is 1 p.m., Friday, April 16; handling "local" contestants is Dick Maas, secretary of the Springville-Sierra Rodeo association, Rt. 5, Box 133-B, Porterville, or telephone (209) 539-2251.

Maas, who will send "local" entries to the Professional Rodeo Cowboys' association headquarters in Denver for processing, says that the sign-up period is now open and urges "local" cowboys to enter without delay.

Teachers Learn Of Support Services

PORTERVILLE — Volunteer representatives of a variety of correctional, counseling, governmental, and youth agencies are conducting in-service training meetings for officials of Citrus high school to acquaint staff members with the many support services available to the school in dealing with emotional and behavioral problems of young adults.

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during World War II he joined the Jones Hardware company, purchased an interest in the business and became general manager. In 1963 he sold his interests to his partners and became associated with the Giddings Insurance agency, then, in 1972, purchased the Allied Insurance agency.

Velie, who in February of this year observed his 50th year in the insurance business, was born in Porterville, attended the Morton street and Olive street grammar schools, Porterville high school, and the University of California at Berkeley. After being associated with Phoenix of London Insurance company and the Royal-Globe Insurance company in San Francisco and Los Angeles, he purchased the Porterville branch, Bank of America Insurance agency, in 1936, named it the G.W. Velie Insurance agency, then, in 1950 incorporated as the Allied Insurance agency. In 1972 he sold to Chet Griswold.

Giddings, who came to Porterville in 1945, is a graduate of USC; he served as liaison officer between the military and Lockheed Aircraft corporation during World War II; developed a herd of registered Polled Hereford cattle, with his step-father, the late W.L.R. Patterson, at Porterville, then entered the insurance field in 1953.

Bob Griswold was born and raised in Porterville, graduated from Porterville High school and Porterville college, earned a degree in farm management at Cal Poly in San Luis Obispo in 1970, managed a 35,000-acre cattle ranch near Santa Margarita, then worked for Title Insurance and Trust company before joining in the family insurance business in 1974.

The two McLemores, "Doc" and Kitty, worked with the Harry Johnson company in 1950, then, in 1951, Johnson and McLemore formed a partnership that McLemore purchased after Johnson's death in 1957. The Johnson-McLemore agency acquired the Boyd-Planchon, the Al Mucke, the Don Acrea and the Dave Johnson Insurance agencies, then later the William Slayton, Clemens and John Wright Insurance agencies; in 1969 the McLemore agency purchased the Button Insurance agency and the office was moved from the Village Shopping Center to the Button building; recently McLemore insurance acquired the Paul Robinson and the Terry Williams agencies.

Cliff McLemore, after attending Porterville High school and Porterville college, went to work for the Royal Globe Insurance company in San Francisco in 1963 as a trainee casualty underwriter, later transferred to Sacramento for property training then joined his parents in the McLemore agency in 1964. For the last four years he has been involved in the Chartered Property and Casualty Underwriter C.P.C.U. program, with emphasis on risk management. He shares a seat with his father on Agents' Advisory Board Fireman's Fund American Insurance company.

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Quarles, Williams In Exeter April 2

EXETER — William K. (Bill) Quarles, vice president of Government Affairs for Sunkist Growers, and William J. (Bill) Williams will discuss topics of interest to all of agriculture, but citrus growers in particular, at a Citrus Men's club meeting Friday noon April 2, at the Exeter Memorial building.

Quarles' principal responsibility for Sunkist Growers is working with government agencies at all levels, but principally at the state and federal levels. He has been involved in working for improvement of trade relations and removal of tariff and trade barriers in the export of citrus and citrus products in the world market.

Specific examples of some of the matters currently being dealt with are the effort to obtain approval for the use of OPP and TBZ on fruit shipped to Japan; the modification of the discriminatory tariffs in the European Economic Community (EEC); the modification or elimination of the quotas on fresh oranges and orange and grapefruit juice imported by Japan; and the effort by some in government to eliminate marketing orders.

Williams, a fourth generation California farmer, a Sunkist director, and recently retired vice president for agriculture of the Irvine company in Orange county, was recently elected president of the Council of California Growers, as well as remaining general chairman of the California-Arizona Citrus League fund.

He has also headed, as general chairman, the California-Arizona Citrus league since its inception five years ago.

Sunkist Schedules Annual Swim Meet

REEDLEY — The fifth annual Sunkist invitational swim meet will be held at Reedley College, April 10-12, with more than 1,000 swimmers from the United States and Canada expected to participate.

The meet, sponsored by Sunkist Growers, Inc., is sanctioned by the AAU and will contain events in age groups eight and under through 14, and in open class for those 15 years of age or older.

Vandalia 4-H Honors Parents At March Meet

PORTERVILLE — The March meeting of Vandalia 4-H Club was set aside to honor the parents and this year the members again brought project displays to be viewed by all.

Reports were presented by Luanne Graves, Wendy Tomsen, Geoff Wiggs, Debra Walker, Karen Nichols, Jill Holbrook, Kellie Hyder, Rance Marberry, Rondi Mueller.

Kelly Martin announced that \$25 had been collected on Heart Sunday and donated to the Heart Fund.

Diane Hosfeldt reported that, as a community pride project, members met at the home of Leisa and Leighann Milford and painted trash barrels which will be placed on the Porterville fairgrounds. They were painted in a bicentennial theme. She also announced there would be a roadside cleanup on April 3.

Mrs. Bill Bennett explained the record sheets to everyone and project record junior leaders Kathy Bennett and Luanne and Suzanne Graves read a list of dates members should have on their calendars for the 4-H year. Mrs. Dewayne Milford announced that record books will be turned in on May 26 at Vandalia school.

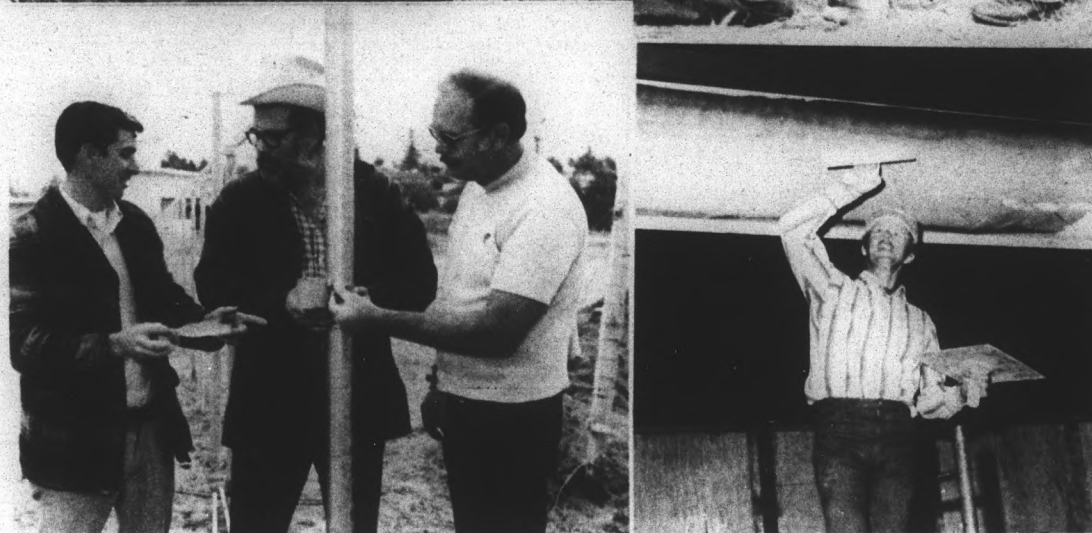
Jeff Shelton explained the judging cards and did an example. He will arrange a judging contest for the next meeting.

The meeting was presided over by president, Dawn Hosfeldt. The pledge of allegiance was led by Larry Hammond and Denise Bishop and the 4-H pledge was led by Jeff Shelton and Jamie Land.

Refreshments were served by Suzanne and Luanne Graves, Sandy Bechtel, and Kellie Hyder. Decorations in a St. Patrick's Day theme were used. Cookies were made for earlier display by the cooking groups and were served as part of the refreshments.

Ronald Curtis Kelm Joins U.S. Air Force

PORTERVILLE — Ronald Curtis Kelm, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Kelm of Porterville, has joined the United States Air Force for training as a communication and relay center repairman. The 1975 graduate of Monache high school is now undergoing basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.



BREAKFAST LIONS are "pitching in" on the Porterville fairgrounds with a donation of \$2,500 and plenty of manpower to handle construction of a fence around the new, expanded grounds. Photos, around the room from top left, show Club President Larry Durtsche with shovel in hand; Bill Brumley, of the Anderson Chain Link Fence company; Gene Price, Jim Hudak, and Hank Brovelli; and Brumley with "Hoss" Hammond and Jack Thompson. Meanwhile

Cotton planting is underway in the San Joaquin valley and is also active in desert areas of the state.

inside the completely remodelled commercial exhibit building finishing work is underway with Fred Church putting the final touches on a light panel that runs the full length of the building. (Farm Tribune photos)

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Parents Night Featured By Plano 4-H Club

PORTERVILLE — Parents' Night, a time for 4-H members to display examples of their project work, was the highlight of Plano 4-H Club's March meeting.

Susan Golden reported on Favorite Foods Day, while Kirsten Kempfer presented a report on Demonstration Day. Steven Knapp announced the Bicentennial Kite Flying contest, and called attention to the safety tips on flying kites which he distributed. Katherine Homer reported on Heart Sunday and presented a pin to each member who participated. She announced the Tulare County 4-H Congress on March 27, and

said Plano was allowed 10 delegates. Tim Buckley reported on the Farm Equipment show. He also discussed the dedication of the Mill site and plaque in Murry Park.

Jeff Edwards was present to discuss the group picture of the flag corps. He said the negative had been lost, but the individual pictures were ready. Arrangements were made for another group shot.

Project reports were presented by Mark Michaelis, Tammy Peltzer, Timmy Peltzer, Glen Peters, Anna Poteet, Doug Scheer, Julie Sherwood, Merilee Sherwood, and Lea Spann.

Vic Bowker announced a

Plano 4-H judging practice day for March 13. Members will meet at the home of Vic Bowker, Sr.

Community leader Nancy Knapp discussed Dress Review, Project Tour, Vandalia Beef Day, and Regional Demonstration Day.

Rodney Homer outlined the March 28th Butterfield Stage trip, a historical caravan involving Plano 4-H, as well as many other groups in the valley.

The meeting was conducted by president Tim Buckley, with secretary Pam Bowker calling roll and reading the minutes, and treasurer Steve Knapp presenting the treasurer's report. Paula

FRUIT GROWERS

SHERMAN OAKS — Fruit Growers Supply Company, a nonstock membership cooperative comprised of packing houses and district

Doyel and Susan Golden led the salute to the flag. The 4-H pledge was led by Jay Faure and Richard Homer.

Parents and visitors browsed among the project displays after the meeting, which concluded with recreation and refreshments. The refreshment committee was headed by Jay Faure and Glen Peters, and included Tim Peltzer, Mark Michaelis, Gaylene Peters and Jane Hatfield.

exchanges affiliated with Sunkist Growers, Inc., reported a total income of \$67.9 million for 1975, exceeding the previous year's record total by \$4.7 million.

The firm, which is involved in a variety of agriculturally related supply ventures such as fertilizers, cartons, and other items, plus lumber operations, held its 68th annual meeting recently in Sherman Oaks.

Although the 1975 income was high, James T. Nickell, FGS president, said increased operating expenses brought net proceeds before deducting refunds and taxes to slightly less than the high achieved in 1974.

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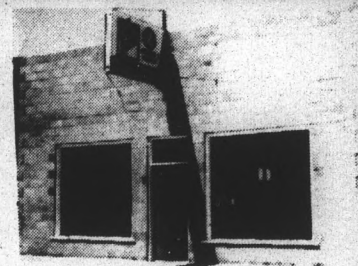
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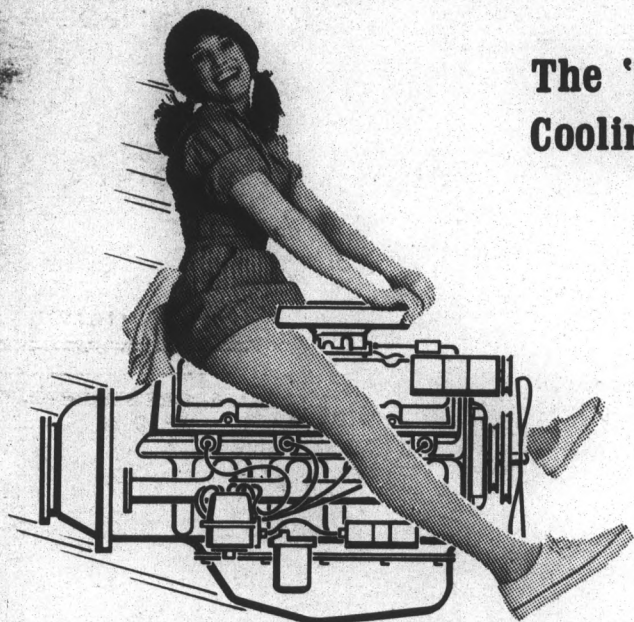


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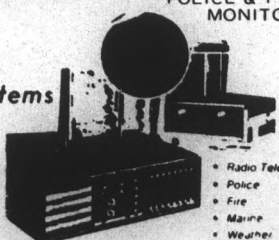
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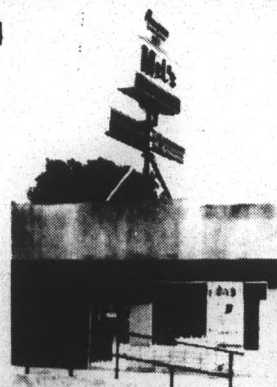
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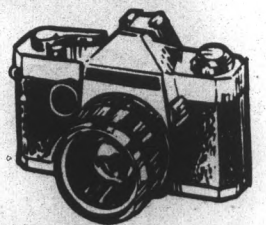
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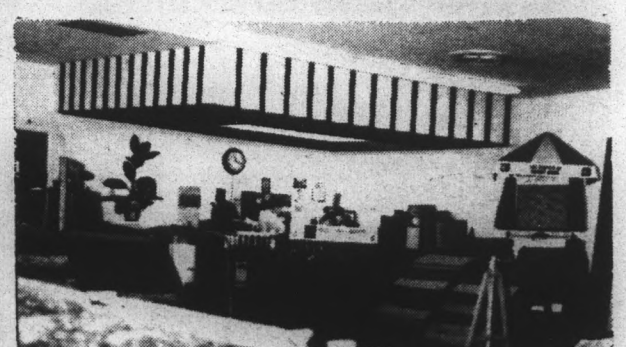
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Orange Blossom Festival Names Honored Couple

LINDSAY — Lindsay pioneer resident and businessman, Herve Coday, and his wife Ailliene, have been named Lindsay Honored Couple for the 30th annual Lindsay Orange Blossom Festival and will serve as official host and hostess of the event during this bicentennial year.

Born in Missouri, the couple were married in Bakersfield in 1922 and moved to Lindsay where Mr. Coday was employed with the Southern California Edison company until 1944 when he and one of the couple's two surviving sons, Eugene, went into the jewelry business in Lindsay.

The other son, Donald, was killed in World War II.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Coday have been active in the Lindsay community. Mr. Coday served as president of the Lindsay Chamber of Commerce in 1947 and 48 and was chairman of the Orange Blossom Festival in 1948. He is a member of the Lindsay Kiwanis club.

Mrs. Coday is active in a wide variety of women's clubs and organizations in Lindsay and helped found many of them. She served as chairperson of the Orange Blossom Festival queen's luncheon in 1948.

Mr. and Mrs. Coday are members of the United Methodist Church of Lindsay and proudly claim to have attended every chamber of commerce banquet, queen's luncheon and Boy Scout breakfast in the community. They sell tickets to every community event through their jewelry store.

The Codays celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 1972.

COMMODITY MARKET SEMINAR SCHEDULED

VISALIA — A seminar for farmers on subjects related to proper use of commodity markets will be held at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 1, at the Agricultural Building, West Main and Woodland, in Visalia, according to Wilson E. Pendrey, Tulare county farm advisor with the University of California extension service.

Bank officials, investment officers and a commodity analyst will present information on grain outlook, hedging, and how major markets function. A question and answer period will follow.

Interested persons are invited.

ORDERS ACCEPTED FOR SPECIAL HISTORICAL STEIN

PORTERVILLE — Orders are being taken at the Porterville Chamber of Commerce for a specially designed "Presidential Stein" which will be produced in limited numbers to benefit the Porterville bicentennial committee.

Buck Shaffer, chairman of the local bicentennial committee, said the stein is designed with identity being the major factor so that anyone can look at it in future years and get a complete story.

On one side of the stein will be the great seal of the United States with the dates 1776 and 1976. The other side will feature a large stage coach with the names of Ducor, Springville, Terra Bella leading into Porterville with dates of 1861-1976.

The steins will be numbered and only a few will be made, Shaffer said.

Profits from the stein will be used by the Porterville bicentennial committee on its major project for the bicentennial.

The Farm Tribune BILLBOARD

APRIL

- 2 - "World Of Dance Salutes America"
- 2 - Citrus Mens Club, Exeter
- 3 - Elks Lodge Officer Installation
- 6 - Elementary Schools Spring Music Festival
- 9 - Pioneer Band & Choral Concert
- 9-12 - Junior Grand National, S.F. Cow Palace
- 10 - Institution Post 3802 VFW
- 17 - Jackass Mail Run
- 17-18 - Jr. Rodeo, Riata Ranch
- 23 - Monache Band Concert
- 24-25 - Springville-Sierra Rodeo
- 24-May 1 - Orange Blossom Festival, Lindsay
- 30 - Adult Western Dance, Terra Bella Memorial Bldg.

MAY

- 1-2 - Mule Show, Riata Ranch
- 1-2 - Cinco De Mayo Celebration
- 7 - Panther Band Concert
- 13 - Porterville Hi Vocal Concert
- 20-21-22 - Porterville Bicentennial Fair
- 27 - Monache Hi Vocal Concert
- 29 - Studio Band Jazz Concert

Golden Hills 4-H Earns Plaque For Fund Raising

SPRINGVILLE — Presentation of a plaque for past fund raising efforts and a film on muscular dystrophy were the highlights of the March meeting of the Golden Hills 4-H club held at Springville Memorial building.

Barney Clamage presented the plaque to Brenda Tompkins, club president, for the club's efforts on behalf of muscular dystrophy during the past three years. He also showed a film.

Reports were presented by Brenda Tompkins, Caroline Bodley, Jimmy Bodley, Albon Ash, Samantha Mitchell, and Mrs. Barbara Bodley. Jimmy Bodley and Albon Ash represented the club at Favorite Foods Day and were named junior division champions and received medals.

Samantha Mitchell and Caroline West Valenzuela gave a demonstration on good posture and nutrition and will present it at regional demonstration day after winning seals and gold medals at county demonstration day recently.

Also giving demonstrations or reports were Dean Morris, Robby Daniel, Paul Murray, Pam Gibson, Betsy Atkin, Lorieyn Clark, Christy Daniel, Jeanne Jacobs, Florie Luther, Tracy Rutherford, Peg Shely, Brenda Tompkins, and Wally Townsend.

Club members Betsy Atkin, Cheryl Bodley, Jeanne Jacobs, Samantha Mitchell, Debbie Morris, and Caroline West Valenzuela were named as participants in the recent Tulare County Dress review and came away with ribbons and seals for their efforts in construction of garments and appearance and modeling ability. The latter two girls were chosen in the top 10 percent of contestants in their grade level.

The meeting closed with songs and refreshments.

Students Sought For Adult School Classes

PORTERVILLE — Enrollments are open for two classes in Porterville Adult Education School including a posture and contouring class for women and a possible power sewing class. Interested persons may sign up for the exercise class at 7 p.m. Mondays or call 784-7000, extension 14, or after 6 p.m., 784-5149, for the 40-hour vocational sewing course.



MONACHE HIGH School Librarian Mrs. Edra Buckner shows some of the materials she has developed which are on display March 30 through April 1 in Washington, D.C. at State Department of Education conference on Elementary-Secondary Education Act Title IV programs. Mrs. Buckner is in Washington to demonstrate the materials for other educators at the conference. She is one of 10 persons selected from throughout the United States to tell about her use of Title IV funding. The information will be used by the State Department for preparation of their Fiscal Year 1977 Annual Program Plans.

COUNTY SHARES IN PESTICIDE MILL FEES

VISALIA — Tulare county's share of the \$2,609,350 in pesticide mill fees collected by the state department of food and agriculture last year will be \$81,878, according to Clyde Churchill, county agriculture

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EIGHTH ANNUAL Youth Art Festival is scheduled Saturday, April 3, at Monache high school Campus Center. Left to right, Margaret Kay Wheeler of Bartlett Junior high school, and Judy Meadows and Martha Smithpeters of the Junior Women's Club, look over some of the art work to be displayed by elementary and junior high school students.

Demonstrations Spark Springville 4-H Club Meeting

SPRINGVILLE — Demonstrations by members were the major portion of the March meeting of the Springville 4-H club.

A beef demonstration by Greg Hartsell, Rhon Richards, Kevin Dye, Roy Swift, and Theresa and Mary Ellen Hunsaker using the Hunsaker pet steer, Homer, was the major showing.

Homer was used to show grooming and showing of a steer but with a difference. On one side of Homer was painted the various parts of a beef animal.

Mark Winton, Rusty Davis, Rhon Richards, Russell Clarke, Troy Paulsen and Michael Littleton also presented a demonstration of the woodworking group after project reports by Cynthia Gardner, Greg Helton, and Stephanie Ostrem.

Mary Lisa Barrett, president, presided over the meeting while Robert Ward, secretary, and Kevin Dye, treasurer, read minutes and correspondence and treasurer reports.

Steven Choate, Rhon Richards, Greg Helton, and Rusty Davis reported on various activities the club has participated in recently.

Next meeting of Springville 4-H is set for Tuesday, April 13, during which final plans for the rodeo booth will be firmed up.

Annual Youth Art Festival Scheduled

PORTERVILLE — The eighth annual Youth Art Festival will be held beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 3, at the Monache Campus Center under sponsorship of the Porterville School District, the Kiwanis club, the Porterville Women's club and the Porterville Junior Women's club.

The event will be open to the public admission free, and will feature the work of elementary and junior high school artists.

Exhibits will range through work done in a variety of media including water colors, tempera, finger painting, other paints, clay, crayon chalk, and three dimensional work such as mobiles.

Theme of the show will be "America, Freedom For All Cultures," with the Porterville bicentennial committee to select a winner in the best bicentennial depiction which will receive a special bicentennial certificate of merit and be displayed in Porterville city hall for the remainder of the year.

Monache high school art students will judge the entries for the first time this year with judging set for Friday evening, April 2. Three blue ribbons will be awarded for each grade level in each school with sweepstakes winners to be selected in kindergarten through third grade level and fourth through eighth grade level.

All entries will receive certificates of merit.

County Education Department In New Quarters

VISALIA — The Tulare county department of education is moving into what Max Cochran, county superintendent of schools, calls, "One of the most outstanding educational facilities in the state."

The two-story building contains 28,355 square feet and houses approximately 110 employees in various departments that can be expanded as needed by moveable partitions.

The educational center, located in the County Civic Center in Visalia, was built at a cost of \$1,099,990 through use of revenue sharing monies.

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Tuesday

March 16, 1976

Regular Meeting

All Members Present

- 76-808 Installation of street light appd.
 - 76-809-810 Release of surety auth. appd.
 - 76-811-812 Agres. No. 9831 & 9832 appd.
 - 76-813 Change order appd.
 - 76-814 Final subdivision map Tract No. 559 appd.
 - 76-815 Agres. No. 9833 appd.
 - 76-816 Drainage Easement acceptd.
 - 76-817-825 Deeds acceptd. & recordation of irrevocable offer to dedicate real prop. appd.
 - 76-826 Ord. introduced for adoption.
 - 76-827 Reading of Ord. waived.
 - 76-828 Ord. No. 1910 adopted.
 - 76-829-831 Ord. introduced for adoption.
 - 76-832 Resol. 75-891 amended.
 - 76-833 Resol. 75-1177 amended.
 - 76-834 Increase in Ag. Comm. budget appd.
 - 76-835 Resol. 75-1931 amended.
 - 76-836 Resol. 75-2151 amended.
 - 76-837 Duplicating Dept. auth. to purchase copying machines.
 - 76-838 Welfare Dir. auth. to seek bids for homemaker chore services.
 - 76-839 Correction of assessment rolls auth.
 - 76-840 Claims drawn on Terra Bella Sewer Maint. Fund appd.
 - 76-841 Resignation and appt. to Tul. Co. Planning Comm. appd.
 - 76-842-843 Transfer of funds appd.
 - 76-844 Resol. 75-2151 amended.
 - 76-845 Prop. Agent auth. to commence negotiations for office space.
 - 76-846 Bid awarded & Agres. No. 9834 appd.
 - 76-847 Agres. No. 9835 appd.
 - 76-848 Appt. to Citizens' Welfare Advisory Board appd.
 - 76-849 Ord. No. 1911 adopted.
 - 76-850 Abatement of substd. bldg. dismissed.
 - 76-851 Abatement of substd. bldg. hearing cont'd.
 - 76-852 Hearing in Amend. to Tul. Co. Art. Gen. Plan cont'd.
 - 76-853-854 Agres. No. 9836 & 9837 appd.
 - 76-855-856 Resol. & release of lien appd.
 - 76-857 Sale of tax deeded prop. appd.
 - 76-858 Posting notice of tax sale of tax deeded prop. in lieu of publishing appd.
 - 76-859 Application for discharge from accountability appd.
 - 76-860 Check accepted for deposit by Road Dept.
 - 76-861 Resol. 75-2151 amended.
 - 76-862 Change Order appd.
 - 76-863 Pub. Works Dir. auth. to send letter.
 - 76-864 Agres. No. 9251 extended.
 - 76-865 Request to hire Accountant II appd.
 - 76-866 Agres. No. 9838 appd.
 - 76-867 Appt. to Fish & Game Commission appd.
 - 76-868 Response re corr. facil. referred to Gen. Jury.
- Adjourned to Monday, March 22, 1976, at 2:00 P.M.
March 22, 1976 - 2:00 P.M.
Adjourned Regular Meeting
Absent: Supervisors Hillman and Batkin.
No official action was taken.
Adjourned.
Robert E. Harrell, Chairman
Tulare County Board of Supervisors
ATTEST: JAY C. BAYLESS, Clerk
Board of Supervisors
By Elma McCartney, Deputy

Local 4-H 'Experts' In Special Beef Show

PORTERVILLE — Vandalia 4-H club members Leighann and Leisa Milford have been rated among the top 18 "expert" showmen in the state of California and will show in the Junior Hereford Association state contest, April 10, at the Junior Grand National Livestock show in the Cow Palace at San Francisco.

They will also compete in the market beef division and sell their animals at one of the largest sales of the year in California.

Also participating in the Junior Grand National Cow Palace show as representatives of Vandalia 4-H will be Paul and Jerry Clark and Jim Bartlett.

TIMBER SALE MEETING SCHEDULED

PORTERVILLE — A meeting between Sequoia National Forest officials, timber operators, and other interested parties to discuss all facets of timber sales or proposed sales from the forest in the next five years is set at 10 a.m. Monday, April 5, at the Paul Bunyan lodge.

LEGAL NOTICE

SECTION 1A2 - NOTICE
TO CONTRACTORS

Notice is hereby given that the County of Tulare will receive Proposals for construction of the Springville Elderly Housing Site Work for the County of Tulare, Springville, California.

CONTRACT DOCUMENTS
Proposals shall be in accordance with Contract Documents prepared by Octagon Associates, Architects, 119 South Locust Street, Visalia, California.

Contract documents may be examined and copies obtained at the office of the Architect. Each prime bidder may obtain 2 sets of Contract Documents upon deposit of \$50.00 per set, which deposit will be refunded upon return of documents in good condition not later than 5 days after proposals are opened. Bidders who do not submit proposals will forfeit deposits unless sets are returned in good condition at least 2 days before proposals are opened. Prime bidders may purchase additional sets for \$50.00 each which will not be refundable.

Documents will be on file at the usual Builders Exchange offices.

PROPOSAL FORM
Proposals shall be on the forms provided by the Architect.

BID SECURITY
Proposal shall be accompanied by Bid Security made payable to the Owner, County of Tulare, in amount of 10 percent of the Proposal Base Bid, in the form of a certified check or Bid Bond issued by a Surety Company licensed to conduct business in California and on the Bid Bond form provided by Architect.

The successful Bidder's security will be retained until he has signed the Agreement and furnished the required Bonds. Owner reserves the right to retain security of the next lowest Bidder until the successful Bidder enters into the Agreement or until 30 days after Proposals are opened, whichever is shorter. All other Bid Security will be returned as soon as practicable. If any Bidder refuses to sign the Agreement form within 5 days after award, the Owner will retain his Bid Security as liquidated damages.

SUBMITTAL
Submit Proposals to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in the Tulare County Courthouse at or before 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 14, 1976.

OPENING
Proposals will be opened and read aloud at 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, April 14, 1976, in the Chambers of the Board of Supervisors in the Tulare County Courthouse, Visalia, California. The results of the bidding will be reported to the Board of Supervisors at their next regular meeting thereafter.

BONDS
The successful Bidder will be required to furnish a Payment Bond in an amount equal to 50% of the Contract Price and a Performance Bond in an amount equal to 100% of the Contract Price, secured by a Surety Company licensed to conduct business in California, satisfactory to the County of Tulare, and on the forms provided by the Architect.

INSURANCE
The successful Bidder shall furnish Certificates of Insurance on forms provided by the Architect proof of the maintenance of Public Liability coverage in amount not less than \$100,000 for one person injured and not less than \$300,000 for more than one person injured and Property Damage coverage in amount not less than \$25,000.

WAGE RATES
Pursuant to sections 1770-1780 of the Labor Code of California the Board of Supervisors has ascertained the general prevailing rate of per diem wages in the locality for each craft or type of workman needed to execute the Contract. Said wage rates have been published pursuant to Section 1773.2 of the Labor Code and copies are on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, Room 301, Tulare County Courthouse, Visalia, California, and will be made available to any interested person on request.

However, because this Project has a construction cost in excess of \$2,000, and of which 25% or more of the cost of this Project is to be paid out of entitlement funds pursuant to Public Law 92-512 (Revenue Sharing Act), all laborers and mechanics employed by contractors or subcontractors in the performance of work on this Project must be paid wages at rates not less than those prevailing on similar construction in this locality as determined by the Secretary of Labor in accordance with Davis-Bacon Act. The Secretary's determination is also available on request.

The Contractor to whom the Contract is awarded and any Subcontractor under him shall pay all workmen employed on the Work not less than the rates determined by the Board of Supervisors or the rates determined by the Secretary of Labor, whichever rate is higher.

BASIS OF PROPOSAL
Proposal shall be complete, with all blanks filled in, and shall include the Base Bid and each Alternate Bid shown on the Proposal Form.

WITHDRAWAL OF PROPOSAL
No Proposal may be withdrawn or modified after the Opening except where the Award has been delayed longer than 30 days after opening.

AWARD
The Board of Supervisors reserves the right to reject any or all Proposals, waive any informality in any Proposal, determine in its discretion the responsibility of any Bidder, and determine which Proposal is most economical to the County. If Award is made it will be to the Bidder whose Proposal will be the lowest amount for the total Work of the Award.

Date March 23, 1976.

By Order of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Tulare, State of California

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By Carol Santos, Deputy

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TOP RATE Citrus judging was demonstrated last Saturday by these Porterville High school A and B citrus teams, who took 83 ribbons, plaques, and trophies at the Porterville FFA Alumni Citrus contest held at Porterville college. Team members include, from left: Darrel Johnson, Jeff Hall, Toby Nieblas, Tim Hicks, Israel Longoria, Karen Carlisle, and Jenny Schultz. All but Nieblas are B team members. Other A team members not shown are: Cheryl Paulus, Dennis Moench, and Tammi Laken. The many awards shown include almost every first, second, and third high team and individual award available at the day-long judging contest. Advisor for the teams is Rodney Homer.

SPRING MUSIC FESTIVAL IN REHEARSAL

PORTERVILLE — Choruses from all seven Porterville Elementary schools are now in rehearsal for their annual Spring Music Festival, set for Thursday, April 6 at 7:30 p.m. in the Memorial auditorium.

Coordinators Ken Brown and Tom Michaelson state that all the numbers will have a patriotic flavor for this Bicentennial year, drawing upon the talents of some of America's greatest composers and lyricists. There will be no charge for admission, and the concert will be open to the general public.

Chorus directors from each campus are: Mrs. Dee Hickman, Bellevue; Mrs. Phyllis Grieser, Doyle; Mrs. Mary Simonic, Olive; Mrs. Miriam Wilcox, Roche; Mrs. Susie Adam, Westfield; Miss Rama Priester, West Putnam; and Mrs. Myrtle Duer, Vandalia.

Scouters To Honor Departing Executive

PORTERVILLE — Scouts and friends of scouting from all over the county will honor Larry Bohlig, Tulare River District Boy Scout executive, at a prime-rib dinner and program set at 6:30 p.m. Friday, April 2, at Porterville Elks Lodge. Bohlig is leaving the district after several years of service. Reservations may be made by calling the Elks lodge. Dinner price is \$5.50 per person.

Annual Grass, Weed Cleanup Easier Now

VISALIA — Tulare county property owners and tenants are being urged to take the time now to remove the annual growth of weeds and grass from their property before they dry and become a direct fire hazard to their own property or that of neighbors.

Raymond H. Banks, Tulare county fire warden, said now is the time to do a complete job while the ground is soft and moist and the work is easier. He noted that special care should be taken along fences and around all structures.

The vegetation should be disced under or removed, along with other flammable debris, to the nearest county dump.

4-H MEMBERS ATTEND FIELD DAY

PRAIRIE CENTER — Prairie Center 4-H Club Sheep members attended the San Joaquin Valley 4-H sheep field day March 27, at Fresno State university.

The day's program consisted of judging contest of 6 classes of sheep, with 7-12 grade members giving reasons on their placings. Demonstrations were given on blocking and showing a lamb. The event was attended by about 200 4-H members and their parents and leaders from all over the valley.

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VISALIA — The
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Sportsmen's show set in the Los
Angeles Convention Center April
3-11, according to Wayne
Robertson, secretary-manager of
the Tulare county chamber of
commerce.

attending and their judging
awards: Pam Oxford 9th place
individual in 7-9 grade class. Pam
Oxford, Lynn Calder, and Jim
Lays 6th place team in 7-9 grade
class. Jami Greer and Joe Fiske
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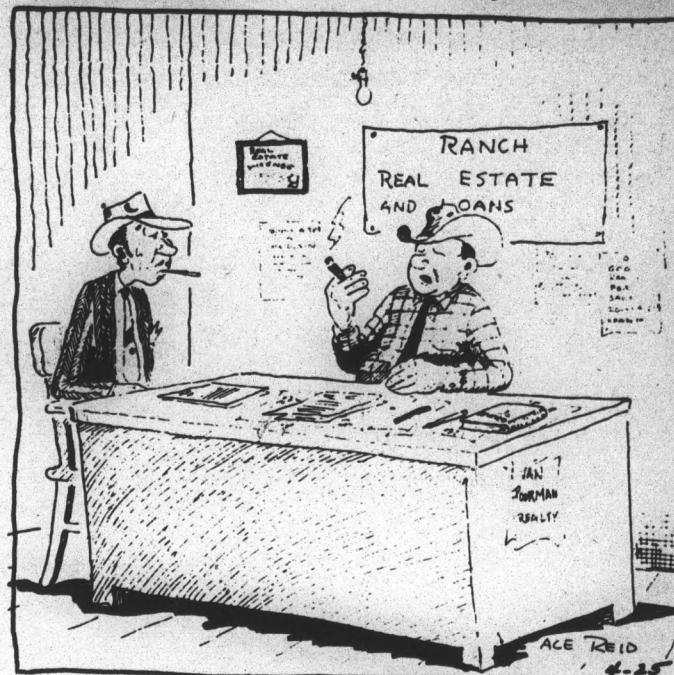
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BILL ALEXANDER, right, engineer-manager of the Lower Tule River and the Pixley Irrigation districts, spoke on California water management and the importance of making maximum use of water in the state, at annual banquet of the Poplar chamber of commerce held Saturday evening in the Poplar Memorial building. In photo, at left, is Bill Taber, president of the Poplar chamber, and Daisy Hudson, dinner chairman. Others participating in the program included: The Rev. John Nalls, invocation; The Shades Of Rythm, dinner music and music for dancing; Bill Rodgers, master of ceremonies; Mary Gray and Foster Brinkley, greeters; Melba George, tickets; George Jackson and Jerry Cantrell, music; Nila Gibson and Ila Stall, decorations, Pauline Larson, salads; and Dorothy Halbert, serving. Poplar chamber directors serving with Taber are: Ray George, vice president; Melba George, secretary-treasurer; and Howard Tharp, Frank Akins, Paul Gibson, George Jackson, Jerry Cantrell, Robert Stevens, Billie Akins, John Nalls, Billie Walker and W.C. Taber. Past directors who were active in promotion of the Memorial building in Poplar were honored - Morris Fruit, Roy Langston, Foster Brinkley, Paul Gibson, Howard Tharp, Ray George, Walt Flagler, Bill Gibson, and the late H.H. Hutchinson.

(Farm Tribune photo)

Clovis Man Named To National Group

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Earl S. Smittcamp, fruit and vegetable producer and chairman of the Federal Farm Credit board, of Clovis, has been appointed one of eight members to serve on the U.S. Department of Agriculture advisory committee on regulatory programs.

Selected to the committee by Earl L. Butz, U.S. secretary of agriculture, the two-year appointee will help the committee make recommendations as to whether certain regulatory programs of the USDA may be improved or eliminated according to their benefits and disadvantages to producers and public.

Success Wildlife.

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during the national economic crisis last year.

Berl Proctor, manager of the wildlife facility and Lake Success for the Corps of Engineers, is proud of what has been accomplished.

In recent months, main access roads have been graveled for easier year-around use. A large barbecue pit and picnic shelter capable of handling groups of about 50 persons has been constructed near the center of the area. It allows for an overview of the main wildlife area and serves as a gathering point for using groups. The facility is not electrified but lanterns can be used for those using the facility after dark.

Near the picnic shelter, a corral has been built for riding groups to pen their animals while using the facility.

A 10,000 gallon water tank has been installed in the top of a hill near the picnic shelter which supplies water by gravity flow through an expanded near four-mile long pipeline system to 40 wildlife watering stations. A submersible pump system has been installed at a nearby old windmill well to allow for filling of the tank.

Soon to be completed, according to Proctor, will be nature trails leading through the area from the centrally located picnic shelter and an equestrian oriented bridle path around the entire 1,400 acre site.

Gates are generally kept locked, but Proctor said in past years the facility has been used mainly by dog trial groups who reserve the area well in advance and conduct hunting dog competitions. He said 14 such events were held there last year and he anticipates even more will be held there this year. He said some groups have reserved the area for such events as far ahead as 1978.

He explained that the competition sponsors bring their own birds to the area and then release most of them after the trials are over thus increasing the population of game birds.

The facility is also opened to bird hunters in season on a strictly controlled basis. The California Department of Fish and Game also stocks the area now and then with experimental exotic birds. These have met with mixed success according to Proctor.

Proctor explained that the sprawling nature area is completely closed annually from April 1 through June for the nesting season of the bird habits. Only officially necessary trips are made into the area then to avoid disturbing wildlife occupants any more than necessary.

However, Proctor said, any other months and dates the

Western Action.

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through Springville the morning of April 24, with entries now being received by Parade Chairman Lewis Porter, (209) 539-2888; all persons participating in the parade will be given arena passes for the Saturday afternoon rodeo.

Traditional western dance, on the community slab in downtown Springville, is set for the evening of April 24.

Queen and attendants for the 1976 Springville-Sierra rodeo will be announced at a Coronation ball the night of April 17 in the Springville Memorial building, and during the day, the 15th Jackass Mail will be on the trail between Porterville and Springville.

Candidates for rodeo queen will be honored at a Recognition Banquet April 10, at 6 p.m., in the Springville Memorial building, with judging for personality and appearance to follow the banquet. Reservations can be made by telephoning (209) 784-8332.

On the following day, April 11, queen candidates will be judged for horsemanship in the Springville Rodeo arena, starting at 12:30 p.m.

The annual Springville-Sierra rodeo is staged by an association of Springville community organizations: The Chamber of Commerce, the Lions club, Grange, Farm Bureau Center, and VFW post.

facility and all its developments are available to public groups for use on a first come first served basis on a special use permit.

He noted that the gathering place at the picnic shelter is great for nature groups, bird watchers, historical groups or others who are interested in observing but not disturbing nature.

Reservations for the facilities can be made by calling the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers office at Lake Success.

So the Kites continue to dive at each other while a Great Blue Heron wades the banks of the area's near two-acre natural duck pond spearing small fish with his pointed beak.

A raccoon makes a grab at a crawfish in the muddy water nearby while a bobcat watches intently, seemingly trying to decide whether he should tackle the raccoon or not, to satisfy his hunger.

An opossum wanders along carefully avoiding a bouncy little skunk busily catching grasshoppers and a coyote rips off after a jackrabbit and quickly races from view.

Yes, it sounds idyllic! And it is! But the beauty part is that its all there for anyone interested in looking around—just outside Porterville's back door.

Agriculture Is.

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included asparagus, green beans, onions, and peppers, while tomatoes, cucumbers and potatoes showed a reduction in both acreage and revenue.

Tulare county fruit and nut crops managed to produce a gross revenue of \$355,180,000 in 1975, up more than 11 per cent over the 1974 figure for similar crops.

Crops showing an increase in revenue in this category were table grapes, raisin grapes, nectarines, olives, Navel oranges, freestone peaches, plums, and walnuts.

Almonds, wine grapes, Valencia oranges, and prunes showed a decrease in revenue from the 1974 figures.

Apiary products brought in a total of \$1,312,000, up about 14 per cent over 1974 gross income. Increases in production of honey, together with higher prices per colony for pollination accounted for much of the gain.

Also included in the report were seed crops which grossed \$581,000 in 1975 as compared to \$461,000 in 1974, and nursery products with a 1975 gross revenue of \$4,181,000 as compared to \$4,087,000 in 1974.

Churchill stipulated in his report that figures indicated gross income and do not reflect actual net income or profit.

"The farmer continually finds himself in a price squeeze. Between the consumer demand for quality products and the inflationary spiral of producing, harvesting, and shipping his product to market, the net profit to the grower is considerably reduced," Churchill said.

In conclusion, the report reads, "In 1975, some 200 years since Don Pedro Fages and Padre Francisco Garces first visited our valley, and a mere 125 years since commercial agriculture was started in the county, we find that in excess of 1,700,000 acres is being farmed, with a gross income of several million dollars.

"... There is no doubt that agriculture is our number one industry."

Dairy Day Program Scheduled In Tulare

TULARE — The second annual Dairy Cattle Day program will be held beginning at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 6, at the TDES Hall in Tulare, according to Gale G. Gurtle, Tulare county farm advisor with the University of California extension service.

The program will cover a variety of subjects dealing with breeding of dairy cattle, milk production, and the role of the college and experiment station in California agriculture. Each subject will be presented by an expert in the field.

All dairymen, herdsmen, dairy industry representatives and students are invited to attend.


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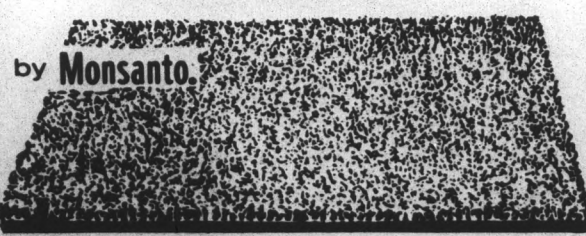
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